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MISSION HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING REPLY FROM ICEM
TO REQUEST FOR SPECIFIC DATA ON ITS PROGRAM
FOR ANGOLAN RETURNEES CONTAINED REFTEL. QUOTE

1. PRECISE REPLIES TO QUERIES POSED ARE DIFFICULT TO GIVE BECAUSE
BOTH

ICEM AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN AWAITING A MORE STABLE
GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION IN PORTUGAL. A BASIC
GOVERNMENT/ICEM AGREEMENT IS UNDER NEGOTIATION AND MIGHT BE
SIGNED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE WEEKS FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS
WITH AND BETWEEN THE INSTITUTO DE APOIO AO RETORNO DE NACIONAIS
(IARN), THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, LABOR AND SOCIAL
AFFAIRS. THE GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED THAT ALL MIGRATION PROGRAMS
SHOULD ASSIST EQUALLY NEEDY RETURNEES FROM ANGOLA (HANDLED BY
IARN) AND PENINSULAR MIGRANTS MEANING UNEMPLOYED LONG-TERM
PORTUGUESE RESIDENTS. MEANWHILE THERE IS A GROWING CONVICTION
AT MOST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT THAT EMIGRATION MUST BE
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ENCOURAGED AT THE SAME TIME AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PLANS ARE INITIATED.

2. AS A RESULT OF ICEM APPEAL IN OCTOBER 1975 THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES HAVE AGREED TO ADMIT PORTUGUESE WORKERS UNDER FAMILY REUNION OR SELECTIVE MIGRATION PROGRAMS: ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, ECUADOR, HONDURAS, NICARAGUA, PANAMA AND VENEZUELA. FURTHERMORE BOLIVIA AND PARAGUAY INDICATED THEY WOULD ACCEPT FARM FAMILIES THOUGH CONSIDERABLE PLANNING/ FINANCING IS REQUIRED FOR AGRICULTURAL SCHEMES. NO NUMERICAL QUOTAS HAVE BEEN SPECIFIED. BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA ARE EXPECTED TO RECEIVE THE LARGEST NUMBER. STATISTICAL DATA HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED FROM IARN WHICH REPORTS A SAMPLE REGISTRATION OF 8,152 HEADS OF FAMILIES AND OF THESE 1,487 ARE CLASSIFIED AS HAVING PROFESSIONS NORMALLY ACCEPTABLE UNDER SELECTIVE MIGRATION. THIS IS AN INDICATION OF THE POTENTIAL WHICH CAN ONLY BE VERIFIED BY INTERVIEWS WITH APPLICANTS ONCE AN ICEM OFFICE IS OPNED ON SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT.

3. DUE TO THEIR OWN PROBLEMS OF UNEMPLOYMENT AUSTRALIA AND CANADA AT THE MOMENT HAVE NOT INTRODUCED ANY SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR PORTUGUESE BUT ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT CASES SPONSORED BY THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNITIES IN THESE TWO COUNTRIES. ADDITIONALLY ICMC WITH TECHNICAL SUPPORT FROM ICEM IS ASSISTING OBRA CATHOLICA PORTUGUESE MIGRACOES (OCPM) TO REGISTER CASES WITH RELATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES. CONSEQUENTLY ICEM CONSIDERS A PROGRAM FOR 12,000 TO ALL DESTINATIONS IS REALIZABLE IN 1976 IF RECOURCES CAN BE FOUND.

4. TO DATE THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS ARE PLEDGED BY GOVERNMENTS IN RESPONSE TO ICEM'S APPEAL:

AUSTRIA	\$21,203
GERMANY	10,000
SWITZERLAND	37,593
NORWAY	100,000

SEVERAL OTHER GOVERNMENTS ARE AWAITING FIRM POLICY DECISIONS BY PORTUGUAL ON EMIGRATION AND THESE ARE EXPECTED TO BE AVAIL-
ABLE AT THE TIME OF SIGNING THE ICEM AGREEMENT, FOLLOWING
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WHICH ICEM WILL REVERT WITH A MORE DETAILED ASSESSMENT.
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